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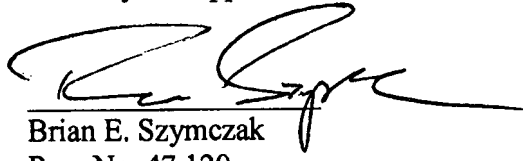
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue there from.

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	E.	3,901,242	08/26/75	Storz	128	303	05/30/74
	F.	3,920,021	11/18/75	Hiltebrandt	128	303	05/15/74
	G.	3,939,839	02/24/76	Curtiss	128	303	06/26/74
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	L.	4,092,986	06/06/78	Schneiderman	128	303	06/14/76
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	S.	4,248,231	02/03/81	Herczog et al.	128	303	11/16/78
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	U.	4,381,007	04/26/83	Doss	128	303	04/30/81
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	Q.	4,936,281	06/26/90	Stasz	128	660	04/13/89
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	S.	5,178,620	01/12/93	Eggers et al.	606	41	02/22/91
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	D.	5,277,201	01/11/94	Stern	607	98	05/01/92
	E.	5,281,216	01/25/94	Kliceck	606	42	03/31/92
	F.	5,290,282	03/01/94	Casscells	606	29	06/26/92
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	J.	5,314,406	05/24/94	Arias et al.	604	21	10/09/92
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	R.	5,374,261	12/20/94	Yoon	604	385.01	10/23/90
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	T.	5,380,277	01/10/95	Phillips	604	33	11/02/93
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	D.	5,423,810	06/13/95	Goble et al.	606	40	02/25/93		
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	F.	5,436,566	07/25/95	Thompson et al.	324	713	06/01/93		
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